



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Parents,

Thank God we live in an area where we experience the four seasons. After the intense summer heat, we welcome the cool autumn air.

Unless we decide to shape our lives, situations and events will shape it for us. As we move into the beautiful seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, let's remember to set aside some time with God in prayer.

Thanksgiving is the season that offers us numerous opportunities to be thankful to God for the little things in life – running water, the ability to laugh and to smile, the change of seasons and our families! God gives us free will to choose the way we shape our lives.

As we move into Advent, consider preparing for the coming of Jesus. Setting up an Advent Wreath in your kitchen will provide an opportunity for your family to pray together. Consider some positive websites such as WWW.pray-as-you-go.org and www.sacredspace.ie where you can pray each day for a few minutes right at your computer!

We all know well how hectic the month of December can be. Do we need to do everything or can we decide to make life less hectic for others and ourselves? Can we decide to shape our Christmas with our family or will materialism, commercials, and the blare of the world prevent us from truly celebrating the Birth of Jesus.

I pray daily for each of you and your intentions. I hope you do for me and all of us at CEC.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Rice, Ed.D

President

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Students,

Our new school year is off to a great start! We welcome the Class of 2014! We welcome back our Sophomores and Juniors. And we look forward to a tremendous year for our graduating Class of 2011.

Our teachers have spent a great deal of time working with and learning more about student engagement in the classroom in an effort to provide even greater learning opportunities for our students. We began the school year with learning new applications for the Smartboard and how that can enhance student participation in their own learning. Teachers are working on finding and implementing more 21st century methods and technologies to make learning more collaborative, creative and real-world.

Our recognition program, “Renaissance” allows us to showcase students who are achieving academically, socially and in their behavior. Ten seniors are taking advantage of our new Senior Academic Internship program to try out the world of professional careers.

We are proud of your children and thank you for your sacrifices to make a Catholic Education available to them.

“You have made the right choice. Instead of asking for wealth or treasure or fame...you have asked for Wisdom and Knowledge.” (2 Ch 1:11) God bless you and your family. You are in my prayers daily.

Sincerely,

Margaret Blanco

Principal





FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Welcome

Dear CEC Parents,

I had the pleasure of meeting many of you over the summer and at some of our back-to-school events this fall. For those of you I have not yet met, I would like to introduce myself as the new Director of Admissions at Conwell-Egan Catholic High School.

In addition to recruiting and retaining students, I am responsible for promoting the school, your children, and all of their accomplishments through public relations and marketing initiatives.

As a 2001 CEC graduate, I know firsthand the positive impact of an education at Conwell-Egan Catholic, and I applaud you for the sacrifices you make to send your children to this fine institution.

If you have any questions, concerns, or needs during the upcoming school year, please contact me at atucker@conwell-egan.org or 215-945-6200 ext. 252.

Be sure to check our redesigned website, www.conwell-egan.org regularly and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for the latest CEC news and information.

I greatly look forward to working with and getting to know you throughout the year!

Sincerely,

Andrea Vardaro Tucker '01

Notable Dates

For those of you with younger children who would like to carry on the tradition of attending CEC, I invite you to attend any of the following events:

High School Nights September 29- October 25 Starting at 7 p.m.	6th Grade Game Show Day Sunday, October 3 12:30-2:30 p.m.	4th & 5th Grade Halloween Party Sunday, October 24 1-2:30 p.m.	8th Grade Universal Visitation Day Thursday, November 18 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
7th & 8th Grade Dance Friday, November 19 6:30-9:30 p.m.	Open House Sunday, November 21 Noon-2:30 p.m.	8th Grade Scholarship Test Saturday, December 4 Starting at 8 a.m.	7th Grade Day & Financial Aid Info Session Sunday, April 10 Noon-2:30 p.m.
2nd Grade Easter Egg Hunt Friday, April 15 Noon-1:15 p.m.	7th & 8th Grade Spring Fling Friday, April 15 6:30-9:30 p.m.	Summer Programs TBA	7th Grade Scholarship Test Workshop and Practice Test TBA

Check www.conwell-egan.org for details, or contact me at atucker@conwell-egan.org or 215-945-6200 ext. 252.





FROM THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

IMPORTANT DATES

September 28, 2010	Secondary Teacher In-Service Day <u>(NO CLASSES!)</u>
Week of October 3, 2010	Progress Reports
October 13, 2010	PSAT Testing—Grades 9, 10, 11
November 12, 2010	First Quarter Ends
November 15, 2010	Second Quarter Begins
November 16, 2010	Grades due to Office for Academic Affairs
November 18, 2010	Universal 8 th Grade Visitation Day <u>(NO CLASSES!)</u>
Week of November 21, 2010	Report Cards Mailed Home
November 23, 2010	Semester Failure Warnings due TODAY
November 24, 2010	Thanksgiving Holiday begins at close of school day
November 29, 2010	Classes resume
December 7, 2010	P-T-S Conferences (5:30 - 7:30 pm)
December 8, 2010	Immaculate Conception—Holy Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
December 17, 2010	Faculty In-Service Day (No Classes)
December 23, 2010	Christmas Holiday begins at 10:30 am
January 3, 2011	Classes resume
January 25- 28, 2011	Semester Exams
February 1, 2011	Grades due to Office for Academic Affairs
Week of February 6, 2011	Report Cards Mailed Home





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AP SCHOLARS!

The following students have been recognized by the College Board as:

AP SCHOLARS

~ Students who received a score of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams:

Amanda Birnbrauer '10 Adam Lachowicz '10
Rachel Kurtz '10 Jonathan Salamak '10

AP SCHOLARS WITH HONOR

~ Students who received an average of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams:

Michael Lucidi '10 Kelly McHugh '10
Michael Madeja '10 Lisa Ropars '10
Keith McCollaum '10 Christopher Sarachilli '10

AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION

~ Students who received an average grade of at least 3.5 or higher on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams:

Michael Manto '10 Michael Murray '10

We offer our proud congratulations to these scholars and their families.



Key Contacts

If your child has trouble in one or more subjects, then it is important to contact the individual classroom teacher(s) as soon as possible. Conwell-Egan Catholic has in place the following course of action to assist parents/guardians:

Contact

1. the particular teacher
2. the department chair for that subject
3. the Guidance Office
4. the Office for Academic Affairs
5. the Office of the Principal

Department Chair

Art	Mrs. Gari	x 210
Business	Mr. Wornom	x 247
English	Ms. Dollard	x 233
Guidance		
	Ms. Lodise	x 220
	Fr. Fidelis	x 217
	Secretary	x 218
Languages	Mr. Farinella	x 245
Math	Mr. Schuler	x 244
Music	Mr. Beauchamp	x 254
PE/Health	Mr. Strobel	x 239
Theology	Brother Lawrence	x 242
Science	Mr. Vogel	x 240
Social Studies	Mr. Firmani	x 237
Ministry	Fr. Christopher	215-945-7390





FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

Greetings from Mr. Lari

Most of the students have settled into the new school year and now must put every effort into getting the highest grades as the 1st quarter comes to a close. We must remember that each student is here to do well academically and then everything else should come second. *The Office of Student Services* is here to make sure that the school day for your son or daughter is safe and as pleasant as possible. There are policies and procedures in place so that the day can run well. If you should have any questions or need to contact me, please email me at blari@conwell-egan.org and I will return your email as soon as possible.

For the Parents/Guardians NEW to Conwell-Egan Catholic High School, *The Office of Student Services* is responsible for the following functions of the school:

- Attendance Procedures and Policies
- Discipline and Regulation Policies
- Locker Assignment and Procedures
- Guidance Services
- Health Services
- Transportation (Busing and Driving to School)

Attendance

Please make sure that when your son or daughter is going to be absent, to call our Absentee Hotline at 215-945-3520 and leave a detailed message (In the message, you should state the student's ID number, reason for being absent, and who is making the phone call. In addition to calling the school, there is a form on our website that should also be filled out; your child can bring it to the Student Services Office when she or he gets back to school.

Discipline Policies

Cell Phones/IPODS

When HOMEROOM begins, all students must turn off their cell phone. At this point, no cell phone should be on. Anyone using the cell phone without permission is in violation of the cell phone policy stated clearly in our handbook.

IPODS-In some situations, teachers may allow students to use an IPOD in school; however, students are NOT allowed to listen to music and have it on while in class or during lunch.





FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

Late Policy

The school day begins at 7:30AM in HOMEROOM. Once the bell rings and a student is not in homeroom, he/she is considered late and must get a pass in my office. Students are allowed **three** lates in each semester; however, after the 3rd late, a student will be issued one demerit, and one hour of detention for each late after the 3rd time. If a student arrives after 8:00 am, we need a phone call from the parent.

Detention

Detention is held every day after school from 2:15 until 3:15pm in room 118. Any student who misses detention receives an additional 2 demerits, and 2 hours of detention in addition to what they already received. I do not accept any reason to miss detention, unless it is accompanied by a Doctor's note.

Lockers

Every student is assigned a locker and should use it properly each day. Students should have an appropriate school lock to secure their materials in the locker. Many students still do not secure their locker. Parents, check with your son or daughter and make sure that a lock is on the locker. I would hate for someone to lose something that is very expensive due to carelessness and/or laziness.

Website

Finally, please check the STUDENT SERVICES website daily as we up-date a lot of information there and you can access many forms that will help during the school year. I hope everyone has a successful and positive school year!





FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

DON'T WAIT -----VACCINATE NOW

FOR ATTENDANCE IN ALL GRADES in 2011/2012 children need the following:



4 doses of tetanus* (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)

4 doses of diphtheria* (1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)

3 doses of polio

2 doses of measles**

2 doses of mumps**

1 dose of rubella (German measles)**

3 doses of hepatitis B

2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or history of disease

*Usually given as DTP or DTaP or DT or Td

**Usually given as MMR

Children ATTENDING 7th grade in 2011/2012 need the following:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) (if 5 years has elapsed since last tetanus immunization)
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

These requirements allow for medical reasons and religious beliefs.

If your child is exempt from immunizations,

He/she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements can be found in 28 PA.CODE CH.23

(School Immunization)

Contact your health care provider or 1-877 PA HEALTH for more information





FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Important dates for seniors and juniors ...

September

30th 7:30 p.m. “How to Choose a College” night

October

13th 9th, 10th, 11th grades PSAT Testing

28th “Meet Your Future” program

November

16th **Thanksgiving Application Deadline....**

In order to ensure that any needed college applications and transcript requests are processed and mailed out before the Thanksgiving holiday break, seniors must have them into the Guidance Office no later than the 16th. **Requests will not be accepted again until school re-opens on the 29th. Be sure to get them in by the deadline.**

December

2nd 7:30 p.m. “Financial Aid” night

16th **Christmas Application Deadline....**

College applications and transcript requests must be into the Guidance Office no later than the 16th to be processed and mailed out before the Christmas holidays. **Requests will be not be accepted again until the school re-opens on January 3rd so be sure to get them in by the deadline.**

April

13th & 14th College and Career Fair for Juniors @ King’s Caterer’s
Forms will be distributed to juniors at end of March, 2011.





FROM THE LIBRARY

Get an early start on Christmas, Birthdays, Rewards & Graduation.

Beginning at Back to School Night you can purchase Gift Certificates for the Aerie 2011, our school Yearbook. During Back to School night the certificates will be available in the Library between 2nd & 8th period. The cost is \$90.00. The certificates will also be available in the Library until December 3rd, the deadline for purchase of the Aerie 2011. **Purchase the Yearbook in Finance before December 3rd.**

Book Discussion Group Forming



On October 12th, we will be privileged to have Ellen Jensen Abbott, author of *Watersmeet*, at our school to share in the discussion of her book. The books can be purchased by the group @ 50% off thanks to Ellen's publisher. Come join the fun, meet an author and get your book autographed!

We the People "A More Perfect Union" Bookshelf



Near the end of the 2009-2010 school year, Mrs. Brennan, our librarian, learned she had been awarded the "A More Perfect Union" bookshelf. It was awarded through the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. There will be activities related to this grant all through the year.

These books will be on display in the library all year. This is a community project and the books are available for checkout with proper identification such as a driver's license, PA Picture ID, school ID.

Come and Celebrate with us!





FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

NEWS FOR SENIORS

Panoramic Pictures: Ordering Information was distributed in homeroom. The picture was taken in Friday, September 24th. Students can submit orders with full payment to the Student Affairs Office until September 30th.

Graduation:

Product Assembly 9/30

Portrait retakes or for new seniors – 10/1 – sign up in student affairs

Cap & Gown Measurements & Product ordering @ lunch 10/12

Diploma Name Forms were distributed to the students. They must be returned to the Student Affairs Office by 10/29; otherwise the student's name on file in our computer system will be printed on the diploma and its cover.

Requests for handicapped seating or extra tickets accepted beginning May 9. If you do not need all 6 tickets, please notify the Student Affairs Office, so your tickets can be given to a family who needs extras.

Look for the Graduation Newsletter with the 3rd Quarter Report Cards.

Baccalaureate Mass – June 6 @ 7 pm St. Mike's – 2 tickets per student

Commencement – June 7 @ 10:30 am Holy Family – 6 tickets each

Yearbook: The yearbook costs \$90. This cost is not included in the Graduation Fee. Payment due by 12/3. Senior names stamped on books. No extras can be guaranteed. Books distributed at Senior Memory Night May 31

Senior Prom: May 20 – cost \$160 per couple





FROM THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

NEWS FOR JUNIORS

Class Rings:

A representative from Jostens was here on **September 21st** to share design and ordering information with the juniors.

Order Review Day will take place during lunches on **Sept. 30th** students can ask questions and check to ensure that order form is filled out correctly and the total cost is accurate.

Orders will be collected at lunch on **Oct. 7**.

Rings must be **paid for in FULL** at the time the order is placed; make all **payments directly to Jostens**. All orders must be placed before Christmas.

Students will receive their rings at the **Ring Mass scheduled for March 3rd @ 7 pm** in the auditorium.

Graduation Portrait Pictures: The Graduation Portrait Pictures will be taken during the week of May 16th.

Junior Prom: May 13th 7 to 10:30 pm @ King's Caterers – tickets \$150.00 per couple

GENERAL INFORMATION

Homecoming: **COME JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES!**

Powder Puff Game: Senior Girls vs. Junior Girls – October 21st @ 5 pm

Fall Sports Pep Rally: October 22nd

Dance: October 22nd – 7 to 10 pm – Crowning of king & queen

Football Game: CEC vs. McDevitt – October 23rd @ Truman High School @ 7 pm

Spirit Night:

Sign Ups for dancers 9/23 to 10/6

General Spirit Night meeting for student participants 10/7 – contracts distributed

Contracts due 10/29

Payment \$35 per costume due 11/23

Meeting with the moms – both teams – 12/7 @ 8:15 pm in cafeteria

1st practice for white 12/13, blue 12/14

Senior dance captains perform at Cardinal's Xmas Party 12/20

Check out the schedule on the Spirit Night Page of Website found under Activities tab



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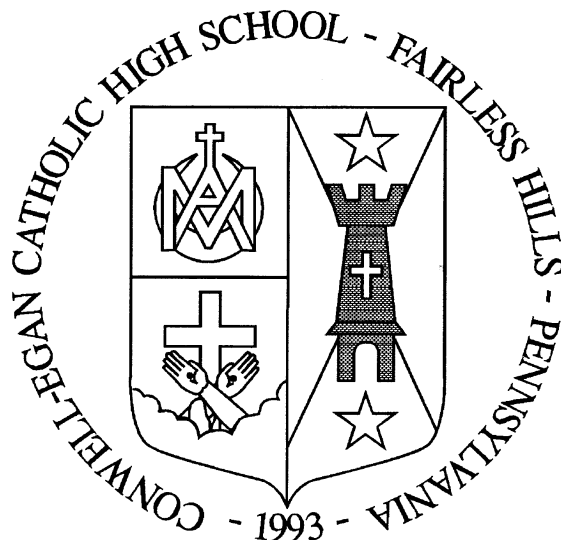
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